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AFTER the Publication of the Three Abſtracts dated the 6th of *January* 1717. I found I had made a Miſtake in the Second of thoſe Abſtracts in computing 16 Reduced Officers of Invalids as provided for in the 8 New-raiſed Regiments of Foot, and which were provided for in the Companies of Invalids, and this makes the following Alterations in the Computations of the ſaid Abſtract, *viz.*

The Commiſſions granted in the 21 new-raiſed Regiments are — — —		732
Britiſh Half-Pay Officers provided for in the Dragoons	150	
Ditto Officers of Foot — —	191	
		341
Provided for in the Dragoons which were not on the Britiſh Eſtabliſhment of Half-Pay — — —	212	
Ditto in the Foot — — —	179	
		391
Whereof there are in the Abſtract the Names of — — —		235
Dragoon Officers whoſe Names are not in the Abſtract	79	
Ditto of Foot — — —	77	
		156

The State *of the Damage to the Publick by this Promotion of Officers will then ſtand thus,* viz.

	Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*
The Damage as *per* ſaid Abſtract —	65 : 09 : 06	23898 : 07 : 06
The Half-Pay of 1 Major, 2 Captains, 5 Lieutenants and 8 Enſigns of Invalids which by the ſaid Abſtract were ſuppoſed to be, but were not provided for in the New-rais'd Regiments of Foot	2 : 03 : 10	799 : 19 : 02
Total Damage then is — —	67 : 13 : 04	24698 : 06 : 08
The Pay of the 385 Officers of the Regiments Disbanded in *Ireland* amounts to	67 : 06 : 06	24573 : 12 : 06
So that the Damage to the Publick as aforeſaid exceeds the Pay of the ſaid Iriſh Officers, the Sum of	00 : 06 : 10	124 : 14 : 02

Note, That in the ſaid Abſtract the Officers of the New-raiſed Regiments whoſe Commiſſions were granted after *December* 1715, being in Number 37, are all that are ſuppoſed to have been granted on Vacancies, but if any of thoſe which were granted in *Auguſt*, *September*, *October*, *November* and *December* 1715. were granted on Vacancies, the Damage to the Publick will be ſo much more as the Pay of thoſe Officers amounts to.

I did alſo after the aforeſaid Publication compare the Liſt of Half-Pay Officers delivered into Parliament the 5th Day of *April* 1715. with that delivered into Parliament for the Year 1718; I found in the latter the Names of 86 Officers added to the Old Reduced Regiments which were not in the ſaid former Liſt, including 2 Officers in the Regiment of *Stairs*, and a Cornet in the Royal Regiment of Horſe, whoſe Qualities are as followeth, *viz.*

Dragoons

	Colon.	L. Col.	Major.	Capt.	Lieut.	Cornet.	Enſ.	Adjut.	Qr Mr	Chapl.	Surg.	Total.	Total.
Dragoons including one Cornet of Horſe	—	—	1	3	5	5	—	—	2	—	1	17	—
Foot — —	2	2	2	18	22	—	17	1	2	2	1	69	—
													86

The Half-Pay of the ſaid 86 Officers and one Commiſſary of Muſters, and the difference between the Half-Pay of 4 Majors in the Liſt of 1718, which were only Captains in the Liſt of 1715, including 1 *l.* 14 *s.* *per diem* Advance of Pay to 2 Lieutenants and 4 Cornets of Dragoons more than they are intitled to by thoſe Deſignations, is, 17 *l.* 12 *s.* 02 *d.* *per Diem*, 6427 *l.* 00 *s.* 10 *d.* *per Ann.*

In one of the Books delivered into Parliament the 16th of *January* 1717. there are the Names of the Officers added to the Half Pay Liſt ſince 1714, and amongſt theſe the Names of moſt of thoſe which I have remarked to have been added ſince the 5th of *April* 1715. with Obſervations in the Margin of the ſaid Book, ſhewing how thoſe Additions were occaſioned.

Having no Copy of that Book, it is impoſſible for me to remark particularly thereon; but on a View of it in the Houſe, I obſerve that ſome of the Reaſons for thoſe Additions are, That Officers who had bought their Commiſſions were diſplaced, and their Poſts given to others; That others who were Officers in Standing Regiments in Full Pay had exchanged with Half Pay Officers, and that others were placed in the ſaid Regimental Liſts by Directions from His Majeſty; There are alſo other Reaſons which I cannot particularly recollect; But upon the whole I believe that many of thoſe Officers may with Juſtice be ſtruck off, conſiſtent with the Original Deſign of the Parliament in granting Half-Pay; And that on this Head alſo a conſiderable Sum may be ſaved to the Publick.

There is alſo another large Book delivered into Parliament the 16th of *January* 1717. importing an Account of the Commiſſions which have been granted in the Old Regiments ſince the 1ſt of *October* 1714. That Account was addreſſed for to inform the Houſe how much the Half-Pay Liſt had been leſſen'd, and how much more it might have been leſſened by the filling up of thoſe Vacancies. And there is likewiſe a Liſt tranſmitted

mitted from *Ireland* of the Half-Pay Officers on the Eſtabliſhment of that Kingdom for the Year 1714, from which the Houſe may be informed how many of thoſe Officers were provided for in the 21 Regiments raiſed in *Britain* ſince the 1ſt of *June* 1715; But having only read the Titles of thoſe two Accounts, I have nothing at preſent to obſerve upon them; And I preſume this Seſſions of Parliament is now too near a Concluſion to hope for any Fruit from a Labour of this kind. And indeed I have mentioned thoſe Papers with a Deſign chiefly to put Gentlemen in mind that they are before the Houſe, and that Copies may be taken of them, and ſome Pains taken about them by ſuch who are willing to allow a little of their Time for the Service of their Country, which may be of Uſe at the next Meeting of Parliament. And I am alſo willing to hope, that this may be an Intimation to the proper Officers to prepare ſuch Computations from the ſaid Books, as may give the Houſe of Commons ſuch Information as 'tis evident was aimed at by their Addreſs for the ſame.

If a careful Examination were made into the Management of the Affair of Half-pay of the Officers of the Fleet, it might be found liable to as great Objections, as thoſe which have been made relating to the Land-Service: And truly it would be very much for the Service of the Nation, if at the beginning of every Seſſions of Parliament, particular Committees were appointed, to examine ſtrictly into every Part of the Adminiſtration of our Money-Affairs: For this probably would make Officers of all Kinds much more careful than of late Years they have been in their Demands upon the Publick, in the Accounts and Eſtimates which are reſpictively brought in by them.

It would be for the Eaſe of Gentlemen, who ſhall hereafter be inclined to examine into the Matter of Half-pay, if Directions were given to expreſs the ſeveral reduced Regiments in an Alphabetical Order, according to the Sirnames of the reſpective reduced Colonels, and to mention in the Liſt of each Regiment, the ſeveral Officers in diſtinct Columns, expreſſing their Qualities, or at leaſt to mention them in ſome one conſtant fixed Method; for the Variation every Year herein, makes an Enquiry into ſuch Liſts much more difficult than otherwiſe it wou'd be.

I ſhall mention one Thing more, and leave it to the Conſideration of Gentlemen, *viz.* That Regimental Liſts ſhould now be given in, of the ſeveral Commiſſion-Officers of Horſe, Foot, and Dragoons, of the Standing Forces, for the Year 1718. that when the like Liſt is required at the next Meeting of Parliament, it may be the more eaſily ſeen, what Vacancies have happened in the Interval, and how the ſame have been diſpos'd of.

It were to be wiſh'd, that a certain Sum could be fixed for the annual Expence of the Forces neceſſary in a Time of Peace, and that the Ordinance Contingencies, and all other Things relating thereto might be included in that Sum; that the Nation might thereby be at a certainty of their Charge in this Particular, and that the ſame was no more than they were able annually to bear. And it were alſo to be wiſh'd, that the ſame certainty could be come at in relation to the Navy. It would be then more Incumbent on the Miniſters and Officers of the Crown, than perhaps they at preſent imagine it to be, to ſhew their Zeal and Duty to His Majeſty, by a frugal Management of the Publick Treaſure; becauſe in ſuch a Caſe whatever was ſaved, would be ſaved for the ſole and intire Benefit of the Crown without Account. But until Matters can be brought to ſuch a Regulation as this, which was certainly the ancient Method, it is the indiſpenſible Duty of the Parliament, narrowly to inſpect the Management of Miniſters and Officers, ſince at preſent all Miſapplications of the Publick Money is a Loſs, and a Loſs only to the Nation.

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The Qualities of the Officers.	*Half-Pay for Dragoons.*		*Half-Pay for Foot.*	
	Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*	*Per Diem.*	*Per Annum.*
	l. s. d.	*l. s. d.*	*l. s. d.*	*l. s. d.*
Colonel . . .	0 : 13 : 00	237 : 05 : 0	0 : 12 : 00	219 : 00 : 0
Lieut. Colonel	0 : 10 : 00	182 : 10 : 0	0 : 08 : 06	155 : 02 : 6
Major	0 : 08 : 00	146 : 00 : 0	0 : 07 : 06	136 : 17 : 6
Captain . . .	0 : 05 : 06	100 : 07 : 6	0 : 05 : 00	91 : 05 : 0
Lieutenant . .	0 : 03 : 00	54 : 15 : 0	0 : 02 : 04	42 : 11 : 8
Cornet or Enſign	0 : 02 : 06	45 : 12 : 6	0 : 01 : 10	33 : 09 : 2
Adjutant . . .	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0
Quarter-Maſter	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0
Chaplain . . .	0 : 03 : 04	60 : 16 : 8	0 : 03 : 04	60 : 16 : 8
Surgeon . . .	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0	0 : 02 : 00	36 : 10 : 0

	Per Diem.	*Per Annum.*
Cornet of Horſe	0 : 04 : 06	82 : 02 : 6
Enſign of the Guards.	0 : 02 : 11	53 : 04 : 7

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